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ISSUING OF NEW PARTY MEMBERSHIP BOOKS

The Central Committee of the Hungarian Workers Party has decreed that new party membership books must be issued in January 1953 since the current books expire 31 December 1952.

New books must be issued to every active party member who has a valid membership book and whose name is registered with the basic organization. Mere book inspection, failure to issue new books, or unwarranted expulsions are not permissible.

Since the issuing of new books affects nearly one million party members, it will involve serious political and organizational work.

Party committees and organizations must work conscientiously and see that every qualified party member receives his new book.

Although most party members consider their membership books a prized possession, there are some who lose their books, thus making it possible for the enemy to acquire them and conduct subversive activities under the guise of party membership. It is vitally important that party organizations teach members to guard their books. All cases of loss must be carefully investigated and clarified, especially now as the date for issuing new books draws near.

The books of party members who have not paid dues for over 3 months lose their validity. Many party members neglect to pay dues for several months. Party representatives must call on these members and urge them to bring their payments up to date so that their membership books will be valid and they will become eligible for the new books.

The majority of the primary party organizations have failed to record changes of address or work in the member's party book and to transfer the member to the primary party organization at his new address. Members themselves often neglect to report such changes, and thereby forfeit their membership. All such transfers and records must be regulated before new books are issued.

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The period, 15 October - 1 November, during which all members and party candidates are being registered, should be used to review and correct the records.

By precise bookkeeping and constant alertness the party organizations and their representatives must see that every qualified member receives his book. At the same time, great vigilance should be exercised to prevent the infiltration of the enemy.

Intense political indoctrination is particularly timely in this period. Stress should be laid on the honor of being a party member and on the production responsibilities which membership involves.

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